

# Louisiana Lead Poisoning Prevention Week



**October 25-31, 2015**

The purpose of the National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (NLPPW) is to raise awareness of the consequences of lead poisoning in children. The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospital's Office of Public Health's Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LHHCLPPP) is teaming up with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to promote NLPPW in the state of Louisiana. This annual awareness campaign highlights the importance of testing homes for lead, testing children for lead poisoning and learning how to prevent lead poisoning to all Louisiana residents.

This year, expanding on past campaigns, LHHCLPPP will lead targeted lead prevention trainings in the parishes with the highest rates of childhood elevated blood lead levels in the State. These parishes are Catahoula, East Carroll, Tensas, Orleans, Concordia, West Carroll, Caldwell, East Feliciana, Morehouse, Claiborne, Winn and Desoto.

Throughout this week, lead testing will be provided at the 10 Region 1 WIC clinics and physicians throughout the state will receive lead awareness packets. LHHCLPP will also raise awareness about lead and its effects on human health by participating in health fairs, presentations, advisory board meetings and other events at area WIC clinics, local Head Start programs, churches, universities, state agencies and community-based organizations. There will also be an awareness walk event around the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

Furthermore, LHHCLPPP is partnering with Text4baby to raise awareness of mandatory lead screening laws to all Text4baby enrollees with children 0-12 months of age.

## **Specific Activities:**

### **Sunday, October 25, 2015**

- Lead Poisoning Prevention Day
  - Where: Wilton United Methodist Church - Alexandria, LA
  - Time: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
  - Address: 1888 Overton St, Alexandria La. 70301
  - What: A presentation to church members on lead poisoning prevention and carbon monoxide poisoning and distribution of Lead Week awareness packets
  - Contact: Trina Evans Williams
- Lead Poisoning Prevention Day
  - Where: St. Mark's United Methodist Church - Alexandria, LA
  - Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - Address: 712 Avoyelles Drive, Alexandria La. 71302
  - What: A presentation to church members on lead poisoning prevention and carbon monoxide poisoning and distribution of Lead Week awareness packets

- Contact: Trina Evans Williams

### **Monday, October 26, 2015**

- 1200 statewide packets on lead poison prevention are mailed to Head Start centers, WIC clinics, parents, contractors, churches and clinicians.
- Press releases are sent to media organizations statewide and a message is included in DHH Today to all state employees.
- Lead and carbon monoxide poisoning prevention training and outreach
  - Where: Quad Area Head Start Center - Clinton, La.
  - Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
  - Address: 3585 Hwy 63, Clinton La. 70722
  - What: Staff training and outreach to parents on lead poisoning prevention and carbon monoxide
  - Contact: Barbara Holmes
- Lead and carbon monoxide poisoning prevention training and outreach
  - Where: Quad Area Head Start Center - Jackson, La.
  - Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
  - Address: 3531 Cottage Street, Jackson La. 70748
  - What: Staff training and outreach to parents on lead poisoning prevention and carbon monoxide
  - Contact: Demetria Lee
- Lead poisoning prevention training and outreach
  - Where: OPH Region 1-Metairie WIC clinic
  - Time: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
  - Address: 111 North Causeway Blvd., Metairie La. 70001
  - What: Staff training and outreach to parents on lead poisoning prevention
  - Contact: Sheneda Jackson

### **Tuesday, October 27, 2015**

- LA Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program State Advisory Board Meeting
  - Where: East Bank Regional Library
  - Time: 10 a.m. to noon
  - Address: 4747 West Napoleon Metairie, LA 70001
- Lead and carbon monoxide poisoning prevention training for pediatric medical residents
  - Where: Tulane-Lakeside Hospital
  - Time: 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

### **Wednesday, October 28, 2015**

- LSUHSC -Health Teaching Academy-Educational Scholarship Day-Lead Prevention Presentation
  - 8 a.m. to 11AM (Contact: Dr. Adrienne Katner and Trina Evans Williams)
- 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - Lead Prevention Week/Children's Health Month Walk for Children's Health/ Walktober event
    - 11:30 a.m. to noon - Pep rally
    - Noon to 12:30 p.m. – One-mile walk (two laps around the LA Mercedes-Benz Superdome)
    - 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. - Distribution of water, fruit and educational packets to walkers

### **Thursday, October 29, 2015**

- Lead and carbon monoxide poisoning prevention training and outreach
  - Where: Gretna Clinic
  - Time: 8 a.m. to noon
  - Address: 91 West bank Expressway, Suite 405, Gretna, La. 70053
  - What: Staff training and outreach to parents on lead poisoning prevention; LSU Ag Center's Louisiana House program's mobile unit will be onsite.

- Contact: April Brown
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Annual Health & Safety Fair
  - Where: New Orleans District Headquarters
  - Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - Address: 7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans, La. 70118
- Lead and carbon monoxide poisoning prevention training and outreach
  - Where: OPH Region 1 Marrero WIC
  - Time: 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
  - Address: 1855 Ames Blvd., Marrero, La. 70072
  - What: Staff training and outreach to parents on lead and carbon monoxide poisoning prevention
  - Contact: Sheneda Jackson

**Friday, October 30, 2015**

- Lead poisoning prevention and lead testing Training for WIC staff
  - Where: Jefferson Parish Health Unit - Metairie
  - Who: Metairie, Marrero and St. Bernard WIC clinic staff
  - Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
  - Address: 111 North Causeway Blvd., Metairie La. 70001
  - Contact: Sheneda Jackson

**If you have any questions about the 2015 Lead Prevention Week activities, Lead Prevention and the Carbon Monoxide Trainings, please contact, Trina Evans Williams, MPH, state program coordinator of the Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, at (504) 568-8254 or at [Trina.Evans@la.gov](mailto:Trina.Evans@la.gov)**